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SUBJECT: REPORT OF DRAFTING WORKING GROUP MEETING, APRIL 16, 1975
(SALT TWO-617)

1. IN TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR MEETING ON APRIL 16 (A-834)
DRAFTING WORKING GROUP (KLOSSON, EARLE/KARPOV, SMOLIN) DIS-
CUSSED US ARTICLE VI AND SOVIET ARTICLE XIV.
2. KLOSSON AND EARLE PRESSED THE SOVIET SIDE ON ESSENTIALLY
ONE POINT FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF: WHETHER THE INCLUSION IN
SOVIET XIV OF THE PHRASE "DEPLOYED AT SPACE PORTS" WOULD AFFECT
THE EXEMPTION FOR SPACE LAUNCHERS DEPLOYED ELSEWHERE, AND
IF SO, HOW. KARPOV RESTRICTED HIS RESPONSE TO REPEATING AN
EVASIVE FORMULA: THAT SPACE LAUNCHERS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM
THE AGGREGATE "SHOULD BE FOR SPACE RESEARCH OR SPACE FLIGHTS"
AND "ARE DEPLOYED AT SPACE PORTS", AND THAT THE DEFINITION OF
SPACE PORT GIVEN BY TARENTIEV EXPLAINS THIS CONCEPT.
3. KARPOV ALSO SAID THAT IF THE US SIDE RAISES THE QUES-
TION OF WHETHER SPACE PORTS COULD BE LOCATED AT TEST RANGES,
THIS QUESTION COULD BE CONSIDERED, BUT THAT IF THE QUESTION

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IS RAISED OF DEPLOYMENT OF SPACE LAUNCHERS AT AREAS WHERE

OPERATIONAL LAUNCHERS ARE DEPLOYED, THEN KARPOV COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THIS HYPOTHETICAL POSSIBILITY. KARPOV THOUGHT THAT US SHOULD CLARIFY WHETHER VANDENBERG AFB WAS A SPACE PORT. US SIDE REPLIED THAT SPACE PORT WAS THE SOVIET TERM AND IT WAS THE US THAT NEEDED CLARIFICATION FROM THE SOVIETS WHETHER THEY CONSIDERED VANDENBERG A SPACE PORT IN SENSE OF SOVIET XIV.

4. KLOSSON ASKED WHY THE PROPOSED SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING SOVIET XIV AND MODELED AFTER IA AGREED STATEMENT D OMITTED THE NO-SIGNIFICANT -INCREASE PROVISION OF THE AGREED STATEMENT FOR MODERN HEAVY MISSILES. KARPOV SAID IT WAS REDUNDANT GIVEN THE PROVISION ON NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF ICBM LAUNCHERS, AND THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE IA BECAUSE "THE QUESTION OF HEAVY MISSILES WAS DISCUSSED FOR TOO LONG A TIME" AT THAT PERIOD. KLOSSON NOTED THAT THE QUESTION OF HEAVY MISSILES CONTINUED TO BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE US. WITHOUT SUCH A PROVISION, A SMALL FRACTIONAL INCREASE IN ICBM TEST LAUNCHERS COULD BE ENTIRELY IN HEAVY ICBM LAUNCHERS AND COULD BE QUITE SIGNIFICANT IN THAT RESPECT.

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